--- 20 Cigarettes - Tall format - “Imperial Tobacco” - two digits - BLACK coding - 1965-71 ---

Following the three digit number series, on the “Imperial Tobacco” small twenty cigarette stamps, are several two digit series using aligned twin 5 mm. Gothic numbers, reading vertically down, with the company code [6-10D] in 3 mm. pica reading horizontally at the bottom of the stamp. These exhibit various formats designed for different packaging situations, and lead up to the final coding series with a 2½ mm. Gothic code [**6-10D**] reading vertically down at the lower right side, with the reversed company coding [**10D-6**] beginning at **23** in September 1964. I do not find these various formats on the *tall format* twenty cigarette stamp. The stamp was intended to fit one type of package, and thus did not require varying alignments.

Thus far I have recorded only one set-up, using two digit cancellations on the *tall format* twenty cigarettes stamp. This uses the reversed coding **10D-6** in 2½ mm. Gothic, which runs horizontally inverted across the top of the stamp.

There was no “Wings” Series in the *tall format* stamps, and as the cancellations proper to the “small” twenty cigarette stamp have not been found to date, the reverse codes seem to fit into 1965-71. With their reversed coding they are obviously post-1964.

The number series on the “small” twenty cigarette “Wings” stamp ends in mid-1974 at **58**. In the general collection there is a block of the twenty-five cigarette stamps from *Peter Jackson* numbered **59**, showing diagonal scratch marks from the defacing of the cancellation plate at the series conclusion. ***The black example listed below was seen on eBay in May 2014***.

--- 10D-6 is inverted at the top - the date code reads horizontally upright - no copies to date ---

[★RC-396]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1968	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1969	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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